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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS LIST AFP MILITARY EQUIPMENT

1. THE REPORT OF THE DOD EQUIPMENT SURVEY TEAM IS NOW
COMPLETE AND WE ARE POUCHING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY TO YOU.
THE PORTIONS QUOTED IN PARA. 3 BELOW ARE THE HEART OF THE
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TEAM'S FINDINGS AND MAY BE PRESENTED TO MARCOS AT THE TIME
YOU PRESENT THE US COMPENSATION OFFER (SEPTTEL) OR SEPARATE-
LY AS YOU JUDGE APPROPRIATE.

2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 3
TO MARCOS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE PORTIONS WHICH APPEAR
IN BRACKETS WHICH ARE FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. YOU
SHOULD ADVISE MARCOS THAT:

(A) LIKE THE COMPENSATION OFFER, THIS REPORT IS MEANT TO

PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. THE PLANNING AND BUDGET ESTIMATES ASSOCIATED WITH IT WERE GATHERED UNDER TIGHT TIME CONSTRAINTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER REFINEMENT. EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA OF HARDWARE PROCUREMENT INDICATES THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ESTIMATES OF THIS NATURE AND ACTUAL PROCUREMENT CAN BE CONSIDERABLE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AND TIME NEEDED TO REACH FIRM AGREEMENT.

(B) DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO ITEMS TO BE PROCURED AND THE MEANS OF FINANCING THEM (CASH, FMS FINANCING, GRANT MAP) REST OF COURSE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WITH THE GOP. NORMAL MILITARY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES CORRESPONDING TO METHOD OF FINANCING AGREED UPON WOULD BE FOLLOWED AND THE US WOULD MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO SATISFY THE REQUESTS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, ARMS TRANSFER POLICY CONSTRAINTS AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE. THESE LATTER CONSIDERATIONS WERE EXPLAINED FULLY BY OUR DOD TEAM TO SENIOR AFP OFFICERS.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

--OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE U.S. DOD EQUIP-
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--MENT SURVEY TEAM WITH REGARD TO PRIORITY ITEMS OF DEFENSE
--EQUIPMENT FOR PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES.

IN FEBRUARY, A U.S. DOD EQUIPMENT SURVEY TEAM MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE AFP TO EXAMINE PHILIPPINE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THEIR AFP COUNTERPARTS, THE TEAM DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CAREFULLY STRUCTURED PROGRAM, WHICH ARE GENERALLY CONSONANT WITH AFP PRIORITIES.

THE TEAM MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

(1) RADAR: THE PHILIPPINES HAS A VALID REQUIREMENT TO UPGRADE ITS THREE EXISTING RADAR SITES. THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO EXPAND THE RADAR SYSTEM TO PROVIDE RADAR COVERAGE TO THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES WHERE NO COVERAGE FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OR AIR DEFENSE CURRENTLY EXISTS. THE RADAR SYSTEM IS LISTED AS THE FIRST PRIORITY ON BOTH THE AFP AND THE PAF EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PRIORITY LISTINGS AND HAS ASSUMED NATIONAL PRIORITY IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HIGH LEVEL GOP AND USG OFFICIALS (INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL EXCHANGES). A MODERN RADAR SYSTEM WILL ENHANCE PHILIPPINE AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, PROVIDE FOR SAFER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OF BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TRAFFIC, AND ULTIMATELY, WILL ASSIST IN PROTECTING U.S. FACILITIES FROM AIR ATTACK.

- A. UPDATE THREE EXISTING SITES. THE FPS-20 SEARCH RADARS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION REMAIN SUPPORTABLE FOR AN ESTIMATED TEN YEARS. HOWEVER, THE U.S. MANUFACTURER HAS INDICATED TO THE PAF THAT PARTS FOR THE ASSOCIATED FPS-6 HEIGHT FINDERS ARE NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION. A HQ PACAF/13TH AIR FORCE RADAR QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTION TEAM VISITED THE SITES IN NOVEMBER, 1977. THE INSPECTORS FOUND

SEVERE DEGRADATION IN RADAR PERFORMANCE SINCE A PREVIOUS
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VISIT AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE PAF RADAR SITES COULD PERFORM THE ASSIGNED MISSION. WHILE THE INITIAL PAF REQUEST WAS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT RADAR COMPLEXES WITH THE BPS-1000 RADAR, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DOD TEAM, THE PAF INDICATED AN URGENT NEED FOR A U.S. TEAM TO INSPECT AND REPAIR AS NECESSARY (IRAN) THE RADARS, OR TO RECOMMEND MODIFICATION. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT OPERATING CONDITION OF THE THREE SITES, THE DOD TEAM RECOMMENDS AN IRAN TEAM BE PROVIDED IN THE NEAR TERM. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DETERMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS, FUNDING THROUGH EXISTING FY 77 AND FY 78 GRANT AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LINES IS SUGGESTED.

- B. PROVIDE SIX ADDITIONAL RADARS. THE PAF HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM SEVERAL CONTRACTORS FOR SIX RADARS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. EXTENSIVE SALES RELATED ENGINEERING STUDIES HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN FORMULATING THESE PROPOSALS. THE PAF HAS SELECTED AN ITPC PROPOSAL FEATURING THE ITT-320 RADAR AS THE MOST FITTING AND ECONOMICAL SYSTEM. WHILE THIS RADAR IS A MOBILE SYSTEM, THE EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE IN A FIXED MODE. A USG INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM PROPOSAL WOULD INCUR A DELAY OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS (ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS WOULD BE REQUIRED WHICH WOULD PARALLEL THE CONTRACTOR'S WORK ALREADY COMPLETED). THE ITPC PROPOSAL DEVELOPED FOR THE PAF APPEARS ADEQUATE TO MEET AFT DESIRES. ACCORDINGLY, THE DOD TEAM SUPPORTS THE PAF SELECTION (AND RECOMMENDS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSISTING IN THE FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT). IF THE INITIAL PAYMENTS ARE MADE FROM GOP FUNDS, AND USG FINANCING SHOULD BE FROM FMS CREDIT, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE QUESTIONS OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A MIXTURE OF U.S. GRANT AID AND GOP FUNDING. (THE
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COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE DISCUSSED BELOW WOULD DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE INCREASED AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES PROVIDED BY THE RADARS WHICH THE GOP PLANS TO PROCURE.) IT WOULD BE INTENDED TO INSURE AN ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS BASE FOR

FUKK AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL.

(2) COMMUNICATIONS: THE GHQ LISTED COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS AS THEIR SIXTH PRIORITY. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED COVERAGE AND OBSOLESCENCE OF THE EXISTING AFP LONG LINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THE DOD TEAM BELIEVES COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY NUMBER TWO. THE TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE INCLUDES DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE AFP FIXED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE ITEMS, AND SERVICE UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS. FIXED COMMUNICATIONS, COMPRISED OF LONG LINE COMMUNICATIONS FROM NORTHERN LUZON

TO SOUTHERN MINDANAO WITH INTERCONNECTS TO EXPANDED LOCALIZED SYSTEMS IN MINDANAO, PALAWAN, BICOL, THE VISAYAS AND LUZON, IS JUDGED THE MOST IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENT. THIS PACKAGE WOULD INCLUDE BASE COMMUNICATIONS, SHORE-TO-SHIP CAPABILITY, AIR DEFENSE TIE-IN AND A CALIBRATION FACILITY. PRESENT SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES APPEAR TO BE MOST DEBILITATING TO THE OVERALL CAPABILITY WHICH IS BASIC TO OTHER AFP MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. THE AFP HAS DETERMINED THAT THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT WOULD COST ABOUT \$150 MILLION. HOWEVER, THE DOD TEAM, WITH JUSMAG SUPPORT, NOTED SEVERAL TECHNICAL INCOMPATIBILITIES IN THE AFP PLAN. THEREFORE, ANY U.S. EFFORT TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY A TECHNICAL/ENGINEERING SURVEY TO FURTHER DEFINE THE AFP INTENDED CAPABILITY AND SPECIFY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. THE USG MAY BE ABLE TO FUND THE SURVEY FROM EXISTING FY77 AND FY78 GRANT AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LINES IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DETERMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS.

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(3) SEA/COASTAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

- A. BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT MARCOS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE SEA/COASTAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. THE PN REQUESTED P-3 ORION AIRCRAFT, DEG, CPIC AND PSMMS IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT. THE DEG IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ALL VESSELS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE USN ACTIVE FLEET. (IN ADDITION, THE DEG WOULD INTRODUCE A PREVIOUSLY DENIED "BLUE WATER" CAPABILITY INTO THE PN. FURTHER, THE DEG IS POWERED BY A TECHNICALLY COMPLEX HIGH PRESSURE STEAM SYSTEM WHICH INCORPORATES TECHNOLOGY BEYOND THE PN'S TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN.) P-3 AIRCRAFT ARE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO PRESIDENTIAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, DISCLOSURE POLICY, AND COST. THE CPIC IS NOT APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN THE USN INVENTORY. (THE ONLY PROTOTYPE IS IN THE ROK NAVY.) THE PSMMS IS SUPPORTED BY THE TEAM IN ORDER TO MEET THE SEA SURVEILLANCE MISSION. THE PN HAS A COMMERCIAL CONTRACT FOR THREE OF THE BOATS.

THE TEAM SUGGESTS AN ADDITIONAL NINE PSMMS (EXCLUDING THIRD COUNTRY WEAPON SYSTEMS) AS PART OF THE PHILIPPINE PRIORITY LIST (AND SUGGESTS THAT THE USG AGREE TO PROVIDE ALL OR PART OF THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION FROM FMS CREDIT). IN ADDITION, THE MK-III PATROL BOAT, WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE PN INVENTORY, IS SUGGESTED TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE COASTAL SURVEILLANCE MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

- B. DESPITE THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF THE P-3C, THE PHILIPPINE REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE EXISTING AERIAL SEA/ COASTAL SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY REMAINS VALID. AFTER A

VIEW OF EXISTING AFP FLEET CAPABILITIES, THE DOD TEAM SUGGESTS THAT 18 S-2G (12 OPERATIONAL; 6 LOGISTIC SUPPORT/ SECRET

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CANNIBALIZATION) AIRCRAFT BE CONSIDERED IN LIEU OF THE REQUESTED (6) P-3C AIRCRAFT. THE S-2G AIRCRAFT WAS CHOSEN FOR ITS LOW, INITIAL, AS-IS WHERE-IS COST AND BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE USN AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENT. THE S-2G PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT AIRBORNE PLATFORM TO ACCOMPLISH THE STATED SEA SURVEILLANCE MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT HAS A RADAR, SEARCHLIGHT AND MORE THAN ADEQUATE AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS. THE AIRCRAFT IS LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTABLE BY A COMBINATION OF USN AND MANUFACTURER REPAIR PARTS IN THE NEAR-TERM. SUPPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE ACQUIRED THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN THE LONG-TERM. IT IS RELATIVELY EASY TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN, AND HAS AN EXCELLENT SHORT FIELD OPERATING CAPABILITY. DURING THE CLOSING SESSION, FEBRUARY 13, 1978, THE PAF REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT THE PAF WOULD RATHER NOT OPERATE RECIPROCATING ENGINE AIRCRAFT AND MADE A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR THE P-3C. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE P-3C AIRCRAFT WAS NOT CHOSEN DUE TO CONFLICT WITH THE WORLDWIDE ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, ITS INITIAL AND LIFE CYCLE COSTS AND THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIRED. THE P-3C AIRCRAFT (IS TOO SOPHISTICATED FOR THE PAF'S PRESENT OR PROJECTED CAPABILITY TO OPERATE OR MAINTAIN AND) WOULD PROVIDE CAPABILITIES IN EXCESS OF PROJECTED PAF REQUIREMENTS.

(4) COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

- A. BOTH THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE AND GHQ LISTED COMBAT AIRCRAFT AS THEIR SECOND PRIORITY. AH-IT HELICOPTERS ARE TO BE EMPLOYED AS ESCORT AND ATTACK AIRCRAFT. EVEN THOUGH THE TOW MISSILE IS NOT RECOMMENDED, OTHER ARMAMENT SYSTEMS SUCH AS 20 MM GUNS AND 2.75 INCH ROCKET LAUNCHERS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE AH-IT.

- B. THE AIM-9J IS SUPPORTED IN LIEU OF THE REQUESTED AIM-9G/H/L WHICH ARE NOT RELEASABLE WITHIN CURRENT US

NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY CONSTRAINTS. THE PAF HAS THE
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AIM-9B AND HAS INDICATED THAT A REQUEST FOR AN LOA TO CONVERT AN INITIAL QUANTITY TO THE AIM-9J CONFIGURATION IS PENDING. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE APPROVED.

- C. THIRTY-SIX A-37 AIRCRAFT ARE SUGGESTED IN LIEU OF THE A-7E REQUESTED BY THE PAF BUT NOT AVAILABLE FOR POLICY REASONS. THE A-37 WILL PROVIDE A LOW COST, VERSATILE SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE USED AS A TRAINER AND IN A COMBAT ROLE. (AS NOTED IN THE BASIC REPORT, THE A-7E WOULD MAKE A POLITICALLY ATTRACTIVE BUT EXPENSIVE ADDITION TO THE

OVERALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT PACKAGE. RANKING AFP OFFICERS INCLUDING THE TEAM CHIEF AND SENIOR PAF TEAM MEMBER MADE SEVERAL PRIVATE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE U.S. TEAM ON THE DESIRABILITY OF THE A-7E IN THE 1982 TIMEFRAME. THEY FREELY ADMITTED THE PRIME RATIONALE WAS TO PROVIDE ARMED LOITER TIME OVER THE DEVELOPING OIL FIELDS IN THE SPARTLEY ISLANDS.) THE US TEAM BELIEVED THAT REBUILT A-4 AIRCRAFT WOULD PROVIDE A SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE THAT COULD BE RELEASED UNDER CURRENT POLICY (ALREADY POSSESSED WITHIN ASEAN) AND WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN NEW A-7ES. THE AFP TEAM STATED THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED AND REJECTED THIS ALTERNATIVE. THEY THEN URGED US RECONSIDERATION OF THE A-7E.

- D. THE PAF REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. ASSUME THE REMAINING OBLIGATION ON THE CURRENT F-8 CONTRACT IN PRIORITY TO ACQUISITION OF OTHER AIRCRAFT. FMS CREDIT WOULD BE REQUIRED, RATHER THAN GRANT AID, SINCE GRANT AID WOULD RESULT IN CONFUSION OVER RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO THE AIRCRAFT. THIS PRESUMABLY WOULD FREE PAF ALLOCATED FUNDING FOR NON-US AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES IN LIEU OF THOSE WHICH ARE UNAVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. INVENTORY (WALLEYE TYPE). THE FMS CASH AND
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CONTRACTOR BALANCES (AS OF 3 JAN 78) TOTAL \$14.4 MILLION.

(5) THERE IS A VALID REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE OBSOLETE INFANTRY WEAPONS CURRENTLY IN PA INVENTORY, AS WELL AS TO EQUIP RESERVE UNITS, TRAINING UNITS, AND NEW ACTIVE ARMY UNITS.

(6) SELF-RELIANCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SRDP): THE US TEAM BELIEVES SOME SRDP PROJECTS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED (BECAUSE OF THE EMPHASIS PRESIDENT MARCOS PLACES ON THE PROGRAM). THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES APPEAR REASONABLE:

- (A. EXPANSION OF EXISTING CAPABILITIES FOR PRODUCTION OF 5.56MM AND 7.62MM AMMUNITION. THERE IS NO NEW TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED AND THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY DESIRED IS NOT EXCESSIVE CONSIDERING TRAINING AND WAR RESERVE REQUIREMENTS.
- (B. PRODUCTION CAPABILITY FOR 57MM, 76MM, 90MM AND 105MM CARTRIDGES. THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED IS FOR HIGH CAPACITY PRESSES FOR CARTRIDGES. THE AFP NOW HAS THE CAPABILITY OF MANUFACTURING THE FUZES, SO THE CARTRIDGE MANUFACTURING CAPACITY WOULD ENABLE THEM TO PRODUCE A COMPLETE ROUND. THE DOD TEAM HAS NOT RECOMMENDED THE PROPELLANT AND EXPLOSIVE PLANTS ON THE LIST BECAUSE THE TEAM CONSIDERS THE PLANTS UNECONOMICAL FOR THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY REQUIRED.)
- (C.) A. DIESEL/GAS TURBINE ENGINE MAINTENANCE FACILITY. THIS FACILITY WILL PROVIDE A SMALL SHIP ENGINE REPAIR CAPABILITY IN A NEW SHIPYARD TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. IT WILL REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR SMALL SHIP ENGINE REPAIR AND WILL ENHANCE THE PHILIPPINE NAVY'S OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.
- (D.) B. UPGRADE OF MK-44 TORPEDO MAINTENANCE FACILITY. CURRENT PHILIPPINE NAVY TORPEDO MAINTENANCE IS SECRET

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NOT SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN THE MK-44 INVENTORY IN OPERATIONAL READINESS. THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO PN REQUESTS FOR THE MK-46 TORPEDO, AN EVEN MORE SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM. UPGRADING THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY WOULD PROVIDE REMEDIAL ASSISTANCE (AND MIGHT HELP REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE U.S. TO PROVIDE MK-46 TORPEDOES).

- (E) C. ALUMINUM HULL MAINTENANCE FACILITY. THIS FACILITY IS RELATED TO THE PSMM ACQUISITION AND IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE PSMMS.
- (F) D. FLOATING DRY DOCK FACILITY (AFDL-10). THIS FACILITY IS SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PHILIPPINE NAVY. (HOWEVER, JUSMAG PERSONNEL ARE HOLDING UP THE TRANSFER ORDER PENDING RESOLUTION OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS.) ESTIMATED COST FOR REPAIR IS APPROXIMATELY \$600,000. THE FACILITY WILL INCREASE PN REPAIR AND OVERHAUL CAPABILITIES.

(7) TRANSPORT:

- A. AIR.

(1) THE PAF EXPRESSED A REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE ITS AIRLIFT CAPACITY (3 C-130H IN CURRENT INVENTORY) TO PERMIT MOVEMENT OF ONE INFANTRY BRIGADE IN THE SPACE OF 10 HOURS. THE PAF IS NEGOTIATING WITH LOCKHEED FOR DELIVERY OF TWO

C-130H AIRCRAFT IN FY 78. THE TEAM SUGGESTS AN ADDITIONAL THREE AIRCRAFT BE TENDERED.

(2) SEVENTY-EIGHT MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTERS ARE REQUIRED TO IMPROVE THE PAF TROOP TRANSPORT CAPABILITY. THE PAF REQUESTED 36 S-76 AND 36 UH-1H HELICOPTERS, AS WELL AS 6 S-61D MODEL AIRCRAFT. THE S-76 IS IN DEVELOPMENT.
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MENT AND THE S-61D WOULD BE A DIFFERENT SYSTEM INTENDED FOR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME MISSION. ACCORDINGLY, THE TEAM SUGGESTS THE MEDIUM LIFT REQUIREMENT BE MET BY ACQUISITION OF 78 UH-1HS. (IF CONTRACT IS SIGNED IN 2ND QUARTER CY 78, DELIVERIES COULD BEGIN IN 3RD QUARTER CY 81.)

- (3) THE PAF REQUESTED 36 DHC-5D FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT FOR HEAVY LIFT PURPOSES. SINCE THIS ITEM IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM US SOURCES, THE CH-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTER MAY FULFILL THE HEAVY LIFT REQUIREMENT. (IF THE PRODUCTION BASE IS KEPT OPEN AS A RESULT OF FMS ORDERS, SIGNING A CONTRACT IN 2ND QUARTER CY 78 COULD RESULT IN DELIVERIES BEGINNING IN 3RD QUARTER CY 81.)

- B. NAVAL.

- (1) LVTP-5. THE PHILIPPINES REQUESTED 41 LVTP-7 TYPE LANDING VEHICLES TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR EXISTING LANDING VEHICLE INVENTORY. THE LVTP-7 VEHICLE IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM USMC STOCKS AND THE PRODUCTION LINE HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN. THE MANUFACTURER HAS STATED THAT A MINIMUM PROCUREMENT OF 500 VEHICLES IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO START UP THE PRODUCTION LINE. THE LVTP-5 VEHICLE WAS SUGGESTED AS AN ALTERNATE BECAUSE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THESE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USMC EXCESS STOCKS ON AN AS-IS, WHERE-IS BASIS. (SPARE PARTS WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM CANNIBALIZATION AND A MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RETURN VEHICLES TO A CODE A SERVICEABLE CONDITION BY THE GOP.) THE USED LVTP-5 IS FAR LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE NEW LVTP-7 AND IT IS COMMON TO THE LVTP-5 VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN THE PN INVENTORY. ACQUISITION OF THE LVTP-5 WOULD AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW AND MORE SOPHISTICATED VEHICLE. A CURRENT FMS CONTRACT PROVIDES 17 LVT-5 FAMILY VEHICLES AND THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IDENTIFIES SOME 26 LVT-5 FAMILY VEHICLES FOR FY 80.

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- (2) MINI-ATC. THE PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS HAS A VALID REQUIREMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 40 MINI-ATCS. THERE IS AN EXISTING FMS CASE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 6 MINI-

ATCS AND AN ADDITIONAL 9 ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE 1978 MAP PROGRAM.

- C. LAND. WHEELED VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO EQUIP NEW UNITS WHICH ARE TO BE ACTIVATED, AS WELL AS TO REPLACE OLD AND OBSOLETE VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN THE AFP INVENTORY. THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF VEHICLES THE AFP REQUESTED EXCEEDS 8,800, BUT APPROXIMATELY 6,400 OF THESE ARE BASIC WORK-HORSE UTILITY CARGO VEHICLES OF 2 1/2 TON AND 1 1/4 TON CAPACITY. THE QUANTITY REPRESENTS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SERVICES OF THE AFP, AND APPEARS TO BE REASONABLE.

(8) HOWITZERS ARE REQUIRED TO EQUIP NEW ARTILLERY UNITS. VULCAN GUNS ARE TO BE USED FOR AIR DEFENSE. (THE U.S. ARMY EMPLOYS VULCANS TOGETHER WITH CHAPARRAL MISSILES TO PROVIDE AN AIR DEFENSE ENVELOPE. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VULCAN ALONE (WITHOUT CHAPARRAL) AS AN AIR DEFENSE WEAPON IS QUESTIONABLE. HOWEVER,) VULCAN WILL PROVIDE AN ELEMENT OF AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY WHICH MAY SATISFY THE AFP WITHOUT THE ADDED EXPENSE OF A CHAPARRAL SYSTEM (WHICH IS NEITHER MODERN, NEW NOR COST EFFECTIVE). ADDITIONALLY, AS DUAL-PURPOSE WEAPONS, THEY HAVE POTENTIAL UTILITY IN A GROUND COMBAT ROLE.

(9) ARMORED EQUIPMENT INCLUDES ARMORED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES, RECOVERY VEHICLES, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, ARMORED COMMAND POST VEHICLES, AND ARMORED CARS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES REQUESTED IS 478. THIS QUANTITY IS
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NOT UNREASONABLE IN VIEW OF AFP PLANS TO ADD ANOTHER INFANTRY BRIGADE TO ITS FORCE STRUCTURE.

(10). SUPPORT AIRCRAFT/SHIPS

- A. HUGHES 500D HELICOPTERS ARE TO BE USED FOR PILOT TRAINING. THE PAF REQUESTED 18 OF THESE AIRCRAFT, WHICH ARE COMMERCIAL ITEMS AND ARE NOT IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVENTORY.

- B. THE STATED PHILIPPINE REQUIREMENT FOR COASTAL PATROL AND INTERDICTION TYPE VESSELS IS RECOGNIZED. THE AFP HAS REQUESTED 139 PATROL CRAFT OF FIVE DIFFERENT TYPES. IN ORDER PARTIALLY TO FULFILL THEIR REQUIREMENT, THE DOD TEAM SUGGESTS THE PATROL BOAT (PB) MK-III. THE CRAFT IS CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING THE AFP'S COASTAL SURVEILLANCE MISSION, IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE, IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE REQUESTED TIMEFRAMES AND WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING NUMBER OF PATROL TYPE BOATS IN THE PN INVENTORY.

(11) ENGINEER EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED TO EQUIP THE DIVI-

SIGNAL ENGINEER BATTALIONS, FILL SHORTAGES IN THE EXISTING ENGINEER BRIGADE, AND EQUIP A COMBAT ENGINEER GROUP TO BE ACTIVATED IN THE FUTURE. THE AFP REQUESTED APPROXIMATELY 780 VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND ROADBUILDING EQUIPMENT ITEMS, INCLUDING BULLDOZERS, ROAD GRADERS, DITCH DIGGERS, SCOOP LOADERS, CRANES, ROAD ROLLERS, ROCK CRUSHERS, CONCRETE MIXERS, WATER DISTRIBUTORS, AND MIN DETECTORS. CONSIDERING THE PHILIPPINE ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS, THIS REQUIREMENT IS WELL JUSTIFIED.

(12) STATION HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW MILITARY HOSPITALS (ONE IN LUZON AND ONE IN

PALAWAN) AND MODERNIZE TWELVE OF THE EXISTING 18 AFP HOSPITALS.

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(13) OTHERS

- A. PRECISION MEASURING EQUIPMENT (PME) IS TO BE USED FOR CALIBRATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT BY EACH SERVICE.

- B. AIRPORT EQUIPMENT (FIRE TRUCKS, SWEEPERS AND CRANES) REQUESTED BY THE PAF IS IN ADDITION TO EXISTING INVENTORIES. SOME ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN CURRENT MAP PROGRAMS, SO THE NUMBERS REQUIRED MAY VARY FROM THE ORIGINAL REQUEST.

--SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT
--OF HIGHEST PRIORITY

BASIC PACKAGE	QUANTITY
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IRAN TEAM FOR EXISTING RADAR (TO INSPECT, REPAIR, MODIFY AND UPDATE AS REQUIRED AND TO PROGRAM AFP TRAINING FOR SUSTAINED MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY).	----
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MOBILE AIR DEFENSE RADAR (ITT SERIES 320) (PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT MOBILE RADARS DO NOT OPERATE WELL IN THE FIXED MODE HOWEVER SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE FIXED SITE RADAR COULD DELAY INTRODUCTION OF AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM BY AS MUCH AS FOUR YEARS).	6
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S-2G AIRCRAFT (AVAILABLE 3 MOS AFTER PROGRAM INITIATION ON AN AS-IS, WHERE- SECRET	18
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IS BASIS).

LONG LINE COMMUNICATION TECHNICAL SURVEY ----
TEAM (TEAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT
3 MOS).

PSMM (INCLUDING ALUMINUM HULL AND DIESEL 6
ENGINE REPAIR FACILITY BUT EXCLUDING A
US MISSILE SYSTEM).

VULCAN GUN (IF CONTRACT SIGNED IN 2ND 36
QUARTER CY 1978, DELIVERIES COULD BEGIN
IN 4TH QUARTER CY 1981 PROVIDED THERE ARE
SUFFICIENT FMS ORDERS TO KEEP THE PRODUC-
TION LINE OPEN).

UPGRADE AND EXPAND LONG LINE COMMUNICATION ----
SYSTEM.

AH-1T HELICOPTER. 18

INFANTRY WEAPONS (620-81MM MORTARS, 2300-
7.62 MACHINE GUNS, 390-90MM RECOILLESS
RIFLES, AND 1000-40MM GRENADE LAUNCHERS)
(PRODUCTION LINE FOR 81MM MORTARS IS
OPEN FOR FMS, HOWEVER, IT WILL CLOSE 1ST
QUARTER CY 1980 UNLESS NEW ORDERS ARE
RECEIVED.)

PATROL BOAT MK-III 25

AIM-9J 100

SRDP (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ----
DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS TO EXPAND
AMMUNITION PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES
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AND DEVELOPE SMALL SHIP MAINTENANCE
FACILITIES. TEAM COULD BE AVAILABLE
WITHIN ONE YEAR)

C-130H AIRCRAFT (MINIMUM LEAD TIME OF 3
18 MOS)

MINI-ATC (TROOP CARRIER) 40

ARMORED VEHICLES (85 AIFV, 90 APC- 240
M113A1, 12 ACP-M577A1, 8 RVT-M578,
45 V150)

1. M113A1 - IF CONTRACT SIGNED
DURING 2ND QUARTER CY 1978,
DELIVERIES COULD BEGIN 1ST QUARTER
CY 1981.

2. ACP-M577A1 - AVAILABILITY
SOME AS M113A1

3. M578 - IF CONTRACT IS SIGNED DURING
2ND QUARTER CY 1978, DELIVERIES COULD
BEGIN IN 4TH QUARTER CY 1981.

AFDL - 10 (DRY DOCK OVERHAUL) 1

P&B ESTIMATE \$700M
END TEXT.

4. EDITORIAL NOTE TO RECIPIENTS. TELEGRAPH TYPEWRITER
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THE PORTIONS OF PARA 3 WHICH ARE IN BRACKETS AND SHOULD
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NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED IN TEXT IF GIVEN TO GOP FOLLOW:

1. RADAR...(AND RECOMMENDS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTI-
GATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSISTING IN THE FUNDING OF THIS
PROJECT)...

3. SEA/COASTAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM...(IN ADDITION, THE
DEG...TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN)...(AND SUGGESTS...
FMS CREDIT)...(IS TOO SOPHISTICATED...MAINTAIN AND)

4. C...(AS NOTED...SPRATLEY ISLANDS)

6. SELF RELIANCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM...(BECAUSE OF THE...
ON THE PROGRAM)

DELETE ALL OF 6B BEGINNING WITH "PRODUCTION CAPABILITY"
AND RELETTER SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS. POLICY DISCUSSION IS
STILL IN PROGRESS AND THE GOP SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED OF
AVAILABILITY AT THIS TIME.

D. ...(AND MIGHT HELP REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE U.S. TO
PROVIDE MK-46 TORPEDOES)

F. ...(HOWEVER, JUSMAG...BASE NEGOTIATIONS)

8. HOWITZERS...(THE U.S. ARMY...QUESTIONABLE. HOWEVER)...
(WHICH IS NEITHER MODERN NOR EFFECTIVE). VANCE

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